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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application No. 09/411,006  
Filed: October 1, 1999  
For: **Non-Pyrogenic, Endotoxin-Free, Stroma-Free Tetrameric Hemoglobin**  
Inventor: Ross TYE  
Our Ref: 07207.0002.00US00

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Reply and Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111;
2. Amended Claims Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.211(c)(1)(ii); and
3. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the filing date of these documents and returned to our courier.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No.08-3038 referencing docket number 07207.0002.US00. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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